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SUBJ: ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

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1. HIGH LEVEL TEAM OF REPRESENTATIVES XGVM ALRUU-
CHAL
ERS AND WESTINGHOUSE MET WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY
COMMERCIAL ATTACHE JANUARY AND AGAIN FEBRUARY 17 TO
DISCUSS RECENTLY-FORMED CONSORTIUM OF THESE TWO COM-
PANIES TO PARTICIPATE IN ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT.
ON BOTH OCCASIONS COMPANY OFFICIALS ALSO MET WITH DEBERNARDI,
PARAGUAYAN JOINT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BINATIONAL ENTITY,
TO DISCUSS CONSORTIUM'S CHANCES FOR FURNISHING TURBINE
GENERATORS FOR THE PROJECT.

2. ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY THAT ALLIS-CHALMERS MIGHT
SET UP A MODEST ASSEMBLY PLANT IN PARAGUAY WAS DISCUSSED,
NO FIRM DECISION HAS YET BEEN REACHED. PARAGUAYAN
ITAIPU OFFICIALS WERE PLEASED WITH THIS POSSIBILITY AND
INDICATED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THEY WOULD STRONGLY
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SUPPORT AWARD OF POSSIBLY THREE TURBINE GENERATORS TO

ALLIS-CHALMERS/ WESTINGHOUSE CONSORTIUM. ALLIS-CHALMERS
VICE-PRESIDENT PFAFFLIN SUSSEQUENTLY TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER
THAT POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING PLANT IN PARAGUAY HAS BEEN
CLEARED WITH BOARD CHAIRMAN OF ALLIS-CHALMERS.

ENO ALLIS-CHALMERS
PLANS TO SEND TECHNICAL GROUP TO
PARAGUAY TO PERFORM FEASIBILITY STUDY WITHIN NEXT TWO
OR THREE WEEKS. BASED ON RESULTS OF THIS STUDY, A FINAL
DECISION WILL BE REACHED ON WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH
PLANS FOR A PARAGUAYAN PLANT. AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE
PREMATURE TO ASSUME THAT ALLIS-CHALMERS WILL GO AHEAD
WITH CONSTRUCTION OF ASSEMBLY PLANT HERE.
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